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In New York, prices were unchanged on all weights when compared to last Friday. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on the larger sizes and higher on mediums. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to instances fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate, occasionally long in spot locations. Breaking stock offerings were light to sufficient for the mostly light demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to readily available for the light to fair demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were lower for the larger sizes and higher for medium. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady with some caution still noted on large. Retail demand were light to moderate. Food service movement was mostly light. Supplies were adequate for all sizes with the exception of large, which was still reported as long in a limited number of areas. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were light. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers
EXTRA LARGE	50-59	53-56	
LARGE	49-58	51-54	
MEDIUM	37-46	39-42	

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	31-40	35
MEDIUM	19-25	23
SMALL	9-13	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on mediums, however lower on extra large and large when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for mostly normal processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were at least adequate to ample for the light to fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59-74	60-63
LARGE	53-67	58-62
MEDIUM	39-52	44-46

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were lower for the larger sizes and higher for medium. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was at times light to usually moderate. Loose egg movement was light. Supplies were adequate for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were light. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59.5-68	61-64
LARGE	55.5-64	57-60
MEDIUM	43.5-52	45-48

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on the larger sizes and irregular on mediums when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were generally sufficient for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for a light demand. Light type hens were at least sufficient to ample for the light to fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59.5-67.25	61-64
LARGE	58-65	59-62
MEDIUM	33.25-48	41-45

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady entering the week. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	67-71
LARGE	65-69
MEDIUM	51-55

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	57-65	58-60
LARGE	55-63	56-58
MEDIUM	43-51	44-46

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 8 cents lower on jumbo, 2 cents lower on extra large and large, and 6 cents higher on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 4% lower than last Monday with California down 10% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 6%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices 8 cents lower on jumbo, 2 cents lower on extra large and large, and 6 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 10% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 63.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	113
EXTRA LARGE	105
LARGE	94
MEDIUM	83

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
	RANGE	RANGE
JUMBO	279-329	JUMBO
LARGE	249-299	EXTRA LARGE Not
LARGE	199-239	LARGE Available
MEDIUM	189-195	MEDIUM

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 22, 2006 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 15, 2006 were 348,946 cases which was 3 percent above the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	303,653	45,293	348,946

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
% change from the prior week.....	+3	+7	+3

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Demand and offerings were light. Most breakers were content with current inventories and were working regular full-time schedules. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	24-29	25-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	15-22	17-19

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was fair at best. The undertone was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-SEP-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7		4.51
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slightly better to retail outlets. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-SEP-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-8		4.75

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - SEP 18, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	SO Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.8	20.3	10.7	12.8	11.7	63.3
	Change	1.4	1.8	0.3	1.1	0.0	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.5	60.3	16.4	25.5	37.6	162.3
	Change	4.2	2.3	3.0	2.1	-0.1	8%
Large	Curr Wk	28.9	168.6	84.1	107.4	108.0	497.0
	Change	3.3	3.8	-1.6	8.6	-4.6	2%
Medium	Curr Wk	7.0	37.7	23.0	22.1	36.6	126.4
	Change	-2.0	-1.1	6.7	1.2	-1.9	2%
Small	Curr Wk	5.2	5.5	1.1	7.5	5.5	24.8
	Change	0.8	-0.3	0.2	1.0	0.2	8%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.8	46.3	10.8	10.4	6.4	76.7
	Change	0.1	-0.7	2.7	-2.9	0.4	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	9.6	60.8	19.8	30.7	23.0	143.9
	Change	-11.9	3.2	0.1	3.7	-4.7	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	83.8	399.5	165.9	216.4	228.8	1094.4
Percent	Change	-5%	2%	7%	7%	-4%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,094.4	2%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	237.0	-10%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,331.4	0%	201

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF SEP 04, 2006.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.91	1.88	1.79	1.18

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF SEP 04, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT 15, 2006**CURRENT LOADS** 15.50**FUTURE LOADS** 8.75**TOTAL LOADS** 24.25

SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	—	36.75	38.50	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	52.00
GL W XL	—	—	50.00	52.50	39.13	—	10.75	GL W LG	—	—	46.83
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	33.56	—	6.50	GL W MD	36.50	—	41.75
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	30.00	—	2.00				
GL W SM	—	—	22.00	24.50	—	—	1.00				

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/11/06-09/15/06**CURRENT LOADS** 84.00**FUTURE LOADS** 76.00**TOTAL LOADS** 160.00

SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	37.00	—	37.40	39.08	—	—	12.00	GL W J	46.36	—	58.00
GNR BR 1	—	66.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	37.55	43.74	50.57
GL W J	—	—	53.25	55.00	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	34.75	46.00	50.90
GL W XL	48.50	52.14	50.08	50.45	39.13	38.00	58.00	GL W MD	33.10	44.00	41.75
GL W LG	—	—	35.13	43.64	37.29	—	40.75	GL BR XL	—	—	78.50
GL W MD	37.00	33.00	—	—	30.56	—	8.00	GL BR LG	—	—	71.00
GL W SM	23.08	26.08	21.33	23.67	20.50	21.88	8.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	8.00
GL BR XL	—	—	63.50	—	—	—	.75	NRBS - 45	—	—	41.50
GL BR LG	—	68.00	62.50	—	—	66.50	2.00				
GL BR MD	30.00	33.00	—	—	—	—	1.00				
NRBS - 48	24.00	25.00	—	—	27.15	28.00	65.00				
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	28.00	—	5.00				
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	21.00	1.00				

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS.

THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER.

NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	09/11/06	09/05/06	09/12/05
PACIFIC COAST	85	86	199
LOS ANGELES	83	83	194

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on extra large and small, lower on large and higher on medium. Supplies are adequate to meet a fair to fairly good retail demand.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	78.86
LARGE	75.86
MEDIUM	58.86
SMALL	46.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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Out Of State Eggs - State Compilation

Report Period: 9/10/2006 - 9/16/2006

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	3,580	3,580
Arkansas	0	0	2,580	2,580
Colorado	0	0	3,941	3,941
Illinois	0	0	720	720
Indiana	0	0	780	780
Iowa	5,560	0	42,246	47,806
Maine	0	0	800	800
Michigan	0	0	8,271	8,271
Minnesota	3,795	3,645	20,902	28,342
Missouri	780	0	11,873	12,653
Nevada	0	0	810	810
New Hampshire	0	0	1,620	1,620
North Carolina	1,428	780	840	3,048
Ohio	0	0	6,160	6,160
Oregon	1,799	340	0	2,139
Texas	0	0	2,365	2,365
Utah	2,460	0	8,723	11,183
Washington	1,559	369	730	2,658
Wisconsin	0	0	810	810
Grand Total	17,381	5,134	117,751	140,266
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY	17,381	5,134	117,751	140,266